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performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected by said detecting means in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

destroying means for destroying the communication data corresponding to the determined result of said determining means.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain in the application with claims 1-8, 10, and 12-17 having been amended hereby.

As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments made to the specification are provided to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

A copyrighted work managing method for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on a communication network [is disclosed, that comprises] includes the steps of (a) detecting copyrighted work data from communication data transmitted from a client on the communication network, (b) determining whether [or not] the user has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected at the detecting step (a) [against] in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data, and (c) prohibiting the communication data from being transmitted corresponding to the [determined] result at the determining step (b).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-8, 10, 12, and 17 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) A copyrighted work managing method for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on a communication network, comprising the steps of:

[(a)] detecting copyrighted work data from communication data transmitted from a client on the communication network;

[(b)] determining whether [or not] a user of the client has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected at the detecting step [(a) against] in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

[(c)] prohibiting the communication data from being transmitted corresponding to [the] a determined result [at] of the determining step [(b)].

--2. (Amended) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when the determined result [at] of the determining step [(b)] represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the copyright owner is notified that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data.

--3. (Amended) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when the determined result [at] of the determining step [(b)] represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the user is [notified that he or she is] prompted for performing the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data.

--4. (Amended) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when the determined result [at] of the determining step [(b)] represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, program data for causing the copyrighted work data to be prohibited from being transmitted is transmitted to the client.

--5. (Amended) A copyrighted work managing apparatus for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on a communication network, comprising:

detecting means for detecting copyrighted work data from communication data transmitted from a client on the communication network;

determining means for determining whether [or not] a user of the client has performed a copyright licensing process for the

copyrighted work data detected by said detecting means [against] in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and
transmission prohibiting means for prohibiting the communication data from being transmitted corresponding to [the] a determined result of said determining means.

--6. (Amended) A copyrighted work managing method for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on a communication network, comprising the steps of:

[(a)] detecting copyrighted work data from communication data transmitted from a client on the communication network;

[(b)] determining whether [or not] a user of the client has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected at the detecting step [(a) against] in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

[(c)] notifying the user that he or she has not performed the copyright licensing process corresponding to the determined result at the determining step [(b)].

--7. (Amended) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 6,

wherein when the determined result [at] of the determining step [(b)] represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the copyright owner is notified that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data.

--8. (Amended) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 6,

wherein when the determined result [at] of the determining

step [(b)] represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the communication data is prohibited from being transmitted.

--10. (Amended) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 6,

wherein when the determined result at the determining step [(b)] represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the communication data for transmitting the copyrighted work data is destroyed.

--12. (Amended) A copyrighted work managing apparatus for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on a communication network, comprising:

detecting means for detecting copyrighted work data from communication data transmitted from a client on the communication network;

determining means for determining whether [or not] the user has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected by said detecting means [against] in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

notifying means for notifying the user that he or she has not performed the copyright licensing process corresponding to the determined result of said determining means.

--13. (Amended) A copyrighted work managing method for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on a communication network, comprising the steps of:

[(a)] detecting copyrighted work data from communication data transmitted from a client on the communication network;

[(b)] determining whether [or not] the user has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected at the detecting step [(a) against] in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

[(c)] destroying the communication data corresponding to the determined result at the determining step (b).

--14. (Amended) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 13,

wherein when the determined result [at] of the determining step [(b)] represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the copyright owner is notified that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data.

--15. (Amended) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 13,

wherein when the determined result [at] of the determining step [(b)] represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the user is [notified that he or she is] prompted for performing the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data.

--16. (Amended) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 13,

wherein when the determined result [at] of the determining step [(b)] represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, program data for causing the communication data for transmitting the copyrighted work data to be destroyed is transmitted to the client.

--17. (Amended) A copyrighted work managing apparatus for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on a communication network, comprising:

detecting means for detecting copyrighted work data from communication data transmitted from a client on the communication network;

determining means for determining whether [or not] the user has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected by said detecting means [against] in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

destroying means for destroying the communication data corresponding to the determined result of said determining means.